



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the heading on page 1, between lines 12 and 14:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the heading on page 4, between lines 13 and 15:

OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the heading on page 4, between lines 28 and 30:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 3, to line 5, as follows:

- Figures 1 through to 5 are ~~respective~~ perspective views of a portion of apparatus according to the invention, as illustrated to represent five subsequent operating phases;

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 7, to line 9, as follows:

- Figures 1a, 1b are a top view ~~views~~ of a the portion of the apparatus of Figure 1 and the median cross-section thereof taken along ~~the~~ section A - A of Figure 1a, respectively;

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 11, to line 13, as follows:

- Figures 2a and 2b are views similar to those of Figures 1a, 1b above, but ~~refer~~ referred to Figure 2; the same applies also to Figures 3a and 3b, 4a and 4b, and 5a and 5b with reference to the perspective views in Figures 3, 4 and 5;

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 15, to line 16, as follows:

- Figure 6 is a different perspective, and partly transparent ~~see-through~~ view of the same assembly of as Figure 4;

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 18, as follows:

- Figure 7 is a simplified view along the section B - B of Figure 6;

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 20, to line 21, as follows:

- Figure 8 is a perspective view of a component part of an apparatus according to the present invention; and

Please insert the heading on page 5, between lines 24 and 26:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Please amend the paragraph on page 5, line 26, to line 30, as follows:

The basic peculiarity of the present invention lies in the use, in an apparatus of the described type, of devices and methods that are capable of locating and clamping ~~clamp~~ a preform in a suitable position in view of the subsequent blow moulding step, regardless of the actual position of the respective pair of blow-moulding half-moulds.

Please amend the paragraph on page 6, line 11, to line 14, as follows:

If Figures 1 through to 5 are in particular observed, along with the respective top and cross-sectional views, at least the following five phases can be identified, in which said component parts are caused to operate in a coordinated manner so as to achieve the desired result.